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Dear Sir:

Further to the IDS at filing and the Second IDS, in accordance with the requirements of 37 CFR §§ 1.56 and MPEP 609, the Applicant, through its attorneys and representatives, hereby brings to the attention of the Examiner the additional documents noted on the attached Form PTO-1449, copies of which are enclosed. The Mizuno article was previously cited in the ISR for the parent PCT application. This submission is timely in that it is made prior to a first action on the merits.

This will also certify that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. Specifically, each of the documents was noted in a Supplemental European Search Report (SESR) dated August 7, 2007 in the corresponding European application. A copy of the SESR is provided to see the perceived relevance of the cited documents by the Japanese searching authority.

It is requested that the Examiner review the references noted, together with the prior submissions and the information in the background of the invention in the specification as filed, and make such consideration of record.

No fee is believed to be due with this submission. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to the Deposit Account of the undersigned, for matter No. SON-3163.

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